

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 61st LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Call to Order: Chairman Jon C. Sesso, on March 13, 2009 at 3:00 P.M., in Room 102 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Jon C. Sesso, Chairman (D)
Rep. Duane Ankney (R)
Rep. Dennis Getz (D)
Rep. Bill E. Glaser (R)
Rep. Ray Hawk (R)
Rep. Teresa K. Henry (D)
Rep. Cynthia Hiner (D)
Rep. Roy Hollandsworth (R)
Rep. Galen Hollenbaugh (D)
Rep. Llew Jones (R)
Rep. Dave Kasten (R)
Rep. Bill McChesney (D)
Rep. Walter McNutt (R)
Rep. Robert Mehlhoff (D)
Rep. Penny Morgan (R)
Rep. Carolyn Pease-Lopez (D)
Rep. Don Roberts (R)
Rep. Dan Villa (D)

Members Excused: Rep. Bill Nooney (R), Rep. Cheryl Steenson (D)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Jon Moe, Legislative Branch
Samuel Speerschneider, Committee Secretary

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Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 3, 3/9/2009; HB 4, 3/9/2009;
HJ 33, 3/9/2009

Executive Action: HB 3; HB 4; HJ 33

00:00:02 Chairman Sesso

HEARING ON HJ 33

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:04:54 Rep. Bob Bergren (D), HD 33, opened the hearing on HJ 33, Address receipt and expenditure of federal jobs and economic stimulus package.

Proponents' Testimony: None

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None

Closing by Sponsor:

00:06:33 Rep. Bergren

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HJ 33

00:06:52 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Hiner moved that **HJ 33 DO PASS.** Motion carried 19-1 by voice vote with Rep. Kasten voting no. Rep. Getz, Rep. Steenson, and Rep. Jones voted by proxy.

HEARING ON HB 3

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:08:07 Rep. Duane Ankney (R), HD 43, opened the hearing on HB 3, Supplemental appropriations.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:11:48 Amy Sassano, Office of Budget and Program Planning
00:13:48 Anne Bauchman, Department of Natural Resources and Conservation

00:15:40 Christian Mackay, Executive Officer, Board of Livestock
00:17:09 Randi Hood, Chief Public Defender
00:27:06 Jay Bodner, Montana Stockgrowers Association
00:28:00 Don Merritt, Financial Officer, Board of Crime Control

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:29:18 Rep. Kasten
00:29:55 Ms. Hood
00:30:35 Rep. Hollenbaugh
00:31:01 Ms. Bauchman
00:31:38 Rep. Hollenbaugh
00:31:54 Barb Smith, Legislative Fiscal Division
00:32:49 Rep. Hawk
00:33:32 Ms. Hood
00:33:51 Rep. Hawk
00:34:16 Ms. Hood

Closing by Sponsor:

00:34:49 Rep. Ankney

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 3

00:35:46 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Ankney moved that **HB 3 BE AMENDED**.
Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Villa,
Rep. Nooney, Rep. Jones and Rep. Steenson voted by
proxy.

EXHIBIT (aph56a01)

00:37:03 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Ankney moved that **HB 3 BE AMENDED**.
Motion carried 14-6 by roll call vote with Rep. Hiner,
Rep. Hollenbaugh, Rep. Mehlhoff, Rep. Morgan, Rep.
Pease-Lopez, and Rep. Villa voting no. Rep. Jones,
Rep. Villa, Rep. Nooney and Rep. Steenson voted by
proxy.

EXHIBIT (aph56a02)

00:40:37 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. McChesney moved that **HB 3 DO PASS AS AMENDED**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Villa, Rep. Jones, and Rep. Steenson voted by proxy.

HEARING ON HB 4

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:44:05 Rep. Llew Jones (R), HD 27, opened the hearing on HB 4, Appropriations normally made by budget amendment.

00:44:46 Amy Sassano, Office of Budget and Program Planning

Proponents' Testimony: None

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:47:27 Chairman Sesso
00:47:52 Ms. Sassano
00:48:13 Chairman Sesso
00:48:17 Ms. Sassano
00:48:33 Rep. Jones
00:49:00 Chairman Sesso
00:49:59 Ms. Sassano
00:51:17 Chairman Sesso
00:51:41 Ms. Sassano
00:52:22 Rep. Kasten
00:52:46 Ms. Smith
00:53:04 Rep. Kasten
00:53:23 Ms. Smith
00:53:43 Rep. Getz
00:54:22 Sue Daley, Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks

Closing by Sponsor:

00:55:12 Rep. Jones

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 4

00:56:02 **Motion:** Rep. Hiner moved that **HB 4 BE AMENDED.**
EXHIBIT(aph56a03)

Discussion:

00:56:26 Rep. Jones
00:56:57 Rep. Henry
00:57:20 Rep. Morgan
00:57:49 Chairman Sesso
00:57:53 Rep. Henry

00:58:02 Rep. Morgan
00:58:41 Ms. Sassano
00:59:13 Chairman Sesso

00:59:35 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote with
Rep. Steenson voting by proxy.

00:59:50 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Glaser moved that **HB 4 DO PASS AS
AMENDED**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep.
Steenson voted by proxy.

Discussion of HB 645

01:04:07 Chairman Sesso
EXHIBIT (aph56a04)
01:06:12 Rep. McChesney
01:07:08 Chairman Sesso
01:07:16 Rep. McChesney
01:08:43 Chairman Sesso
01:09:29 Rep. Henry
01:16:51 Rep. Morgan
01:17:13 Rep. Jones
01:17:44 Chairman Sesso
01:19:38 Rep. Hollenbaugh
01:21:09 Rep. Hawk
01:23:08 Chairman Sesso
01:23:37 Pat Gervais, Legislative Fiscal Division
01:24:25 Chairman Sesso
01:24:34 Ms. Gervais
01:25:52 Rep. Morgan
01:26:57 Rep. Hawk
01:28:34 Rep. Morgan
01:29:08 Chairman Sesso
01:30:08 Ms. Sassano
01:31:10 Chairman Sesso
01:32:06 Ms. Sassano
01:32:26 Chairman Sesso
01:36:22 Rep. Villa
01:41:37 Chairman Sesso
01:43:12 Rep. Villa
01:43:22 Rep. Glaser
01:44:09 Chairman Sesso
01:44:29 Ms. Smith
01:45:15 Chairman Sesso
01:46:12 Rep. Kasten
01:47:47 Rep. Hollandsworth
01:48:06 Rep. Kasten
01:48:47 Ms. Sassano

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01:49:56 Rep. Kasten
01:50:11 Chairman Sesso
01:52:40 Rep. Hawk
01:52:58 Chairman Sesso
01:57:08 Rep. Hollenbaugh
01:57:26 Chairman Sesso
01:58:17 Rep. Hollenbaugh
01:58:32 Chairman Sesso
01:59:08 Rep. Glaser
02:00:05 Chairman Sesso

ADJOURNMENT

02:01:02 Adjournment: 5:00 P.M.

Samuel Speerschneider, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT ([aph56aad.pdf](#))